HEALTH CARE SCIENCE & SERVICES INDUSTRY

MISSOURI TARGET INDUSTRY

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QUICK STATS HEALTH CARE SCIENCE & SERVICES STATEWIDE

2024 Average Annual Wage
$72,521
31.1% increase from 2019-2024

2024 Employment Statewide
342,601
4% increase from 2019

Net Employment Change
2019-2024
13,209

2024 Number of Establishments
14,479

Employment Change
2019-2024

Ambulatory Health Care Services
15,170

Hospitals
1,086

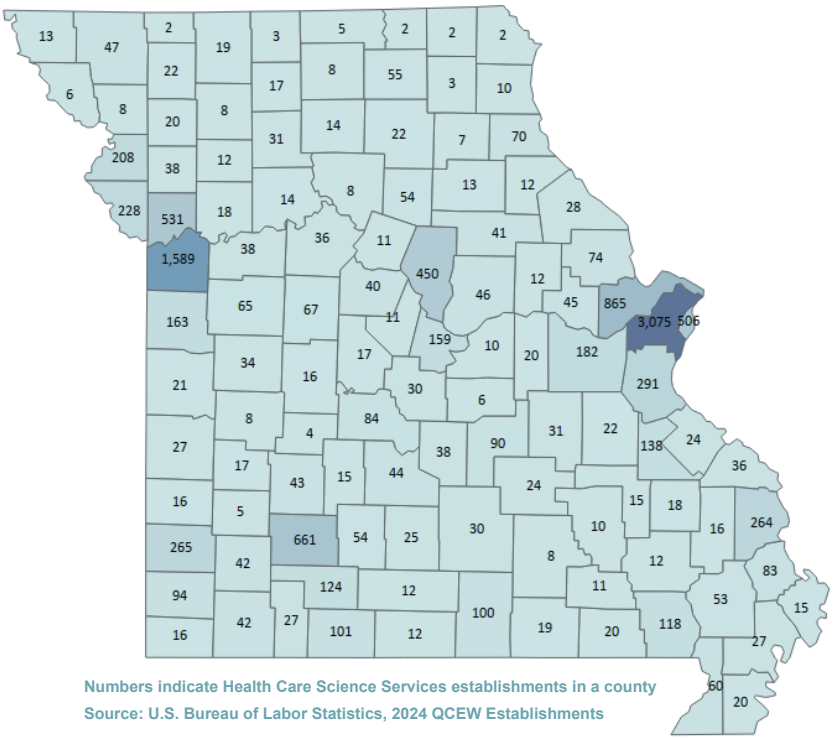
R&D in Biotechnology
511

The Health Care Science and Services industry includes professional, scientific and technical services and health care and social services sectors. Health Care Sciences and Services represents 13.8 percent of total private sector employment in Missouri, employing 342,601 workers across 14,479 establishments in 2024.

Location quotient (LQ) compares the regional share of an industry to the national share. LQs that are higher than the national average of 1.0 indicate a higher employment concentration within a region. Missouri has higher employment concentrations in *Hospitals* with an LQ of 1.29, and *Nursing and Residential Care Facilities* with an LQ of 1.16.

Employment grew an average of 0.8 percent per year from 2019 to 2024, adding a total of 13,209 jobs. The industries with the greatest employment growth include *Ambulatory Health Care Services; Hospitals; Research and Development in Biotechnology (except Nanobiotechnology);* and *Research and Development in the Social Sciences and Humanities.*

MISSOURI CONCENTRATION OF HEALTH CARE SCIENCE & SERVICES ESTABLISHMENTS



Numbers indicate Health Care Science Services establishments in a county

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2024 QCEW Establishments

HEALTH CARE TARGET INDUSTRY GROUP

NAICS	Industry	2024 Establishments	2024 Employment	2024 Average Annual Wage	2024 Employment LQ	2019-2024 Change in Employment
All	**Total, All Industries**	**236,146**	**2,483,040**	**$64,754**	**1.00**	**83,467**
	Total, Heath Care Science & Services	**14,479**	**342,601**	**$72,521**	**1.02**	**13,209**
541714	R & D in Biotechnology (except Nanobiotechnology)	391	2,805	$118,601	0.52	511
54172	R & D in the Social Sciences and Humanities	85	317	$71,008	0.25	-64
621	Ambulatory Health Care Services	11,652	135,214	$80,595	0.82	15,170
622	Hospitals	398	131,944	$80,719	1.29	1,086
623	Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	1,953	72,321	$40,687	1.16	-3,494

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, 2024 Annual Data
Target Industry aggregation may not equal sum of detailed industries due to data suppressions.

The average annual private wage in Health Care Science and Services in 2024 was $72,521. This was $7,767 more than the state's average annual private wage of $64,754. The highest average annual wages within this industry were in *Research and Development in Biotechnology (except Nanobiotechnology); Hospitals;* and *Ambulatory Health Care Services.*

Three Health Care Science and Services industries had net employment gains from 2019 to 2024. *Ambulatory Health Care Services* had the largest gain in employment, adding 15,170 jobs, and was also the largest industry, employing 135,214 workers in 2024.

NOTES:
Target Industries are defined by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes relevant to the target industry cluster. Industry clusters are not mutually exclusive and may include similar industry codes.

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